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A survey of high school juniors and seniors in areas served by members of the Appalachian Developing Institutions Consortium was conducted to: (1) discover the kind of image each consortium institution had with these students; and (2) obtain information on these students' backgrounds and educational plans to assist administrations in establishing productive communication, to aid in recruitment and program planning, and to increase the accuracy of enrollment predictions and estimates of space needs. Questionnaires were administered to more than 12,300 students. A ten percent random sample was used for analysis. Consortium findings and conclusions for each item on the questionnaire are included. Criticism (by the research coordinators) of the strengths and weaknesses of the study's design and administration and the exclusion or modification of questions is provided. Tables of the data collected are presented in Appendix A. Appendix B is a copy of the questionnaire. (KM)

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# REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' EDUCATIONAL PLANS AND OPINIONS

#### RELATING TO THE AREA TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

#### <u>Introductory Remarks: Information on the Consortium</u> <u>Organization and Research Activities</u>

This consortium of eight "open-door" two-year institutions in the North Carolina Appalachian Region was, in November of 1970, funded under Title III of the Higher Education Act. This cooperative arrangement which has the official title of APPALACHIAN CONSORTIUM SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT began the operations on July 2, 1971.

Consortium research activities have been conducted under the auspices of two committees. An Executive Committee, composed of institutional members with Dr. William Richardson presiding as chairman, has been responsible for decision-making regarding the cooperative research projects. A second committee, the Research Coordinating Committee, has been charged with conducting all research, planning, and development activities. At each of the consortium institutions, a Research Coordinator, who served on the Research Coordinating Committee, has participated in the development and administration of the high school study instrument, the establishment of reporting procedures, and the preparation of the final report on the high school students educational plans and opinions.

Before proceeding with the explication of the study developments and results, the members of the consortium would like to convey some information concerning (1) the overall plan for consortial activities and (2) the goal of cooperative research for program development and evaluation.

Overall plan for consortial activities. The development of consortial activities has been controlled by a three year plan. The plan stipulates that during the first year, 1971-72, basic research is to be conducted in relation to short and long-range program planning and evaluation. In the second year, 1972-73, programs are to be implemented and evaluated with results being disseminated to all persons and agencies that have been concerned with the upgrading of the educational process in the consortium community colleges and technical institutes. During the third year, 1973-74, the previously implemented program activities are to be further evaluated and -- where it is considered necessary -- revised. At the end of three years, the results of consortium activities will appear in "final" reports. However, if the personnel maintain the interest and dedication they have exhibited during this first year of operation, the participating institutions will continue this cooperative arrangement for years to come.

To conduct self-studies and to coordinate consortium-wide research, each institution has established either a full or part-time research coordinator's position. These researchers act as liaison persons between their institutional study groups and the coordinating efforts of the Chairman of the Executive Committee whose office is at Wilkes Community College and the consortium Research Coordinator whose office is located at Appalachian State University.

Appalachian, as an assisting institution, has its Director of Institutional kesearch serving as a member of the Executive Committee, its faculty in the College of Education serving as consultants, its systems analysis staff involved in implementing management information techniques in the developing institutions, and its University Statistician giving consultation on analyses. Appalachian's other commitments have included coordinating efforts in preparing consortium study instruments, conducting surveys, and analyzing results.

Cooperative research for program development and evaluation. The 1970-71 proposal indicated that key personnel in the community colleges and technical institutes formed the consortium because they recognized the following facts:

- 1. Each institution has in its area the greatest potential to implement
  North Carolina's "open door" policy and, thus, to reach out and educate the
  populace in its region.
- 2. Only through a cooperative arrangement could the institutions over-come limitations arising from a base of low texable resources and thus from inadequate funding for necessary research, planning, and evaluation.
- 3. All the institutions have the same basic needs for effective development: the creation of research models and acquisition of data for institutional improvement; the upgrading of administrative and instructional staff; the increasing and enhancing of curricula and curriculum materials, especially for economically deprived and slow learners; the selecting of appropriate consultant assistance; and the need for immediate and long-range planning.
- 4. The eight institutions are developing and need assistance for community-based program planning and evaluation, if they are to provide more and better services to all persons in their respective service areas.

Consortium members have recognized the need for both individual and consortium-wide community based program development, implementation, and evaluation. Personnel in each institution have committed themselves to establishing, as an extension of the 1970-71 proposal objectives, program objectives related to the following priority research/study areas that have been determined by the Executive Committee: comprehensive community survey, business-industrial survey tied to the community survey, development of student profile data and a management information system to exchange aggregated results, follow-up studies of alumni and especially "dropouts," and image studies -- especially a high school image study -- to acquire estimates of the way programs and

services are received in the respective communities. All program development has been based on cooperative research effort, aimed at either educating or training the low-income and educationally deprived student, hoping to improve the quality of life in Appalachia.

#### Purposes, Development, and Administration of the Study

The paragraphs that follow contain background information concerning the survey of the "High School Students' Educational Plans and Opinions." The information includes the purposes and objectives of the study, the activities related to the development and pilot testing of the study instrument, and the administration of the instrument.

Purposes and objectives of the study. The survey had two purposes: (1) to discover what kind of image each consortium institution had with high school juniors and seniors and (2) to obtain information on high school students' backgrounds and educational plans. Though these purposes could also be interpreted as the overall goals for the high school image survey, the researchers identified, additionally, other uses for the survey and then transposed these uses into the following objectives.

- 1. To assist the administrators and personnel of the community colleges and technical institutes in their attempts to establish productive communications between themselves and the high school students in the service areas.
- 2. To aid the recruitment efforts by examining the images that the community colleges and technical institutes have among high school students and by evaluating the students' aspirations in terms of the two-year institutions' education/training programs.
- 3. To develop, from the high school students' educational plans and opinions, data elements that would, through comparison with

business-community survey results, have implications for immediate and long-range program planning.

4. To increase the accuracy and thoroughness with which institutional personnel predict enrollment in programs and estimate space utilization needs.

Development and pilot testing of the study instrument. In building the instrument and writing the questions for this survey, the research group worked toward achieving the above stated objectives. The first page of the instrument was designed so that it could be detached and used for recruitment and other purposes by the personnel in the two-year institutions. However, the consortium institutions had the option of inputting the data elements in the PERSONAL INFORMATION section into a data processing system. The important items in this section included student name, age, sex, name of high school, county, home address and phone, educational experience of parents or guardian, and post-high school plans.

When the research coordinators attempted to obtain occupational and career information pertaining to the high school students and their parents, they could discover, after reviewing other survey documents, no concise occupational array that could be used by students in selecting preferred job and career areas. Accordingly, the group identified twenty-five occupational areas that served the purpose of the study, and then they devised an alpha code for each area. For example, the agricultural occupations were listed as farming, food processing, horticulture-landscaping and greenhouses, and governmental agragencies. This category was then designated by the alpha codes [AG] for agriculture. The use of this occupational array provided an opportunity for high school students to quickly identify parental occupations and their career choices.

The job and career choices relating to general occupational areas were to be contrasted with student "Program Choices." Each research coordinator in the two-year institutions prepared a listing of the programs currently being offered. This sheet was placed within the instrument -- this one is of bifold design -- so that 's acts could "pre-register" at the community college and/or technical .....tute in his/her area.

The high school image questions and statements relating to student educational plans included items, e.g., that requested students to describe their feelings about the two-year institution, rate the quality of the institutions, identify the media that brought community college and technical institute information to their attention, and identify the grade averages earned in high school.

The plans for administering the study included pilot testing the instrument in a high school in the Haywood Technical Institute service area. It was found that the average time required to answer the questionnaire was undertwenty minutes. The students indicated that they found the line-of-questioning to be relevant and the questions themselves to be clearly written and understandable. This high school student pilot group expressed its appreciation of Haywood Tech, indicating that the institution had an excellent reputation. Haywood personnel, however, discovered, even in the pilot study, that liaison between themselves and the high school students could be improved.

Administration of the study instrument. The procedures for the high school image survey require consortium personnel to preside over administering of the instrument in the high schools. All juniors and seniors in the service areas were asked to complete the questionnaires. The completed forms will be utilized by various agencies in the community colleges and technical institutes.



Sampling procedures have been established and applied to the responses. Plans were made to tally and analyze so that each high school would also profit from having students participate in the study.

The high school study instrument was administered by the research coordinators during the months of January, February, and March. A copy of the instrument may be found in Appendix B.

High school populations in the study. The study populations were composed of junior and senior students attending the high schools in each two-year institution's service area. The numbers of questionnaires administered were, approximately, as follows: 4,424 in the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute area; 1,378 in the Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute area; 1,030 in the Haywood Technical Institute area; 1,522 in the Isothermal Community College area; 1,040 in the Southwestern Technical Institute area; 1,261 in the Western Piedmont Community College area; and 1,655 in the Wilkes Community College area. The approximate total number of students participating in the study was 12,310.

Sampling and analyses procedures. In regard to sampling and analysis procedures, the researchers held the following considerations to be applicable.

1. Consortium sample population. The application of sampling and analyses procedures to the responses to survey questions included the identification of a sample population. Since there was among the instrument questions no reference to test scores or other ranges that could be used to calculate an initial sample population size n, the research coordinators selected as large a sample size as time and money would permit—a ten percent sample from the instruments administered to all the junior/senior students in the study population (P). The consortium sample population was

randomly selected. To accomplish randomization, the researchers numbered the instruments, and then by using The Rand Corporation's A Million Random Digits, they drew random numbers which were used to select questionnaires having identical numbers. The sampling was also proportionate, i.e., each high school population had ten percent of its student questionnaires included in the population. The findings and conclusions of the study were based upon this consortium sample population.

- 2. Returns to high schools having less than 250 students. It was acknowledged that high schools having small populations would not be equitably treated if they received tallies of responses on ten percent of their populations. Therefore, in addition to the ten percent random sample of instruments drawn from each high school population, tallying of responses was also done for the complete number of instruments collected from high schools having populations of less than 250 junior and senior students.
- 3. Relationship between sample and complete populations. It was assumed that the composition of students, in regard to their aspirations and attitudes, in the sample population approximated the composition of such qualities belonging to students in the complete population. Assuming that the responses of students in the ten percent population are, proportionately, similar to responses of students in the complete population, the tallies of responses from the ten percent sample population may be multiplied by ten. Accordingly, if twenty-three tallies have been recorded for a given response category, then the number of students in the total population who would have selected the same response category would be approximately 230.

#### INTRODUCTION TO FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

For each of the seven two-year institutions participating in the study, findings and conclusions were developed. While these individualized findings and conclusions are not included in this document, the consortium findings and conclusions, based on a ten percent sample of all high schools in the study, have been listed in this section according to the sequence of questions 1-21 in the "High School Students Educational Plans and Opinions" survey instrument. The findings and conclusions are supported by the data derived from the responses to questions 1-21 in the instrument. These data, with the exception of those to question 18 for which there are no findings or conclusions, appear in Tables 1-17 and 19-21. The data concerning the responses to the PERSONAL INFORMATION question regarding students' post high school plans may be found in Table 22. Tables 1-17 and 19-22 have been placed in Appendix A.

Xeroxed copies of the computer printout or "List Tally" which has the record of responses from seven sample populations, composed of 10% of the students from each two-year institution's service area, are upon request available from the Appalachian State University Office of University Research. Services. While Tables 1-17 and 19-21 (noted above) contain the responses to all but a few of the instrument questions, the printout includes student



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In regard to Question 18, students responded to a coded list of institutional programs -- a list individualized to carry the program of the consortium institution administering the instrument. Students indicated their first and second program choices and these responses appear in the computer printout which is available upon request from the Appalachian State University Office of University Research Services.

responses to each query in the survey instrument. Therefore, if planners or counselors at either the two-year institutions or the high schools wanted information on the educational level of parents or guardians, or if they wanted to analyze all the data to multiple response questions, they found these data tallied and recorded in the printout.

While the individualized findings and conclusions for each two-year institution have not been included in this document, the findings and conclusions for the consortium are presented on the next page.

#### CONSORTIUM FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The findings and conclusions concerning student responses to statements in the high school image questionnaire are as follows:

Question 1: "Note the occupational items and then, using codes (AG, etc.),
indicate career choices."

Finding: Seven occupational items received the largest number of student responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from highest frequency/percentage to lowest, as follows:

professional, obtaining 177 responses or 14%; secretarial-commercial, obtaining 146 responses or 12%; health services and social work, obtaining 133 responses or 11%; business, obtaining 67 responses or 6%; auto mechanics, obtaining 57 responses or 5%; engineering, obtaining 54 responses or 4%; and building-construction, obtaining 53 responses or 4%.

The total number of responses to the question was 1048.

Conclusion: Students showed a preference for the occupational items: professional, secretarial-commercial, health services and social work, business, auto mechanics, engineering, and buildingconstruction.

Question 2: "Which of these items best describes your educational plans?"

Finding: Four educational plan items received the largest number of student responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

graduate from a 4-year college/university, obtaining 390
responses or 32%;

graduate from a community college or technical institute, obtaining 349 responses or 28%;

graduate from high school only, obtaining 270 responses or 22%; and graduate from a two-year junior college, obtaining 104 responses or 8%.

The total number of responses to this question was 1230.

Conclusion: A majority (60%) have post high school educational plans for attending a four-year institution or a two-year community college and/or technical institute.

Question 3: "I have heard my friends say this institution is --"

Finding: Four reputational rating items received the largest number of student responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from highest frequency/percentage to lowest, as follows:

good, obtaining 755 responses or 61%; excellent, obtaining 205 responses or 17%; don't know, obtaining 170 responses or 14%; and never heard of institution, obtaining 64 responses or 5%.

The total number of responses to the question was 1230.

Conclusion: A substantial majority (78%) of the students rated the reputation of the institution as good or excellent. A minority (19%) either did not know the reputation of the institution or had never heard about the institution.

Question 4: "Check all the items which best describe your feelings about going to this institution when you finish high school."

Finding: Remember that all students in the population could check each of the ten response items so that the possible number of responses to any item would be a percentage of a total of 1230. For a checkall-items type of question, the sums of percentages may equal more than 100%.

Five response items, concerning students' feelings about attending the institution, received the largest number of student responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

"I plan to continue my educational training beyond high school but not at this institution," obtaining 406 responses or 33%.
"My parents are encouraging me to get educational training beyond high school," obtaining 265 responses or 22%;
"I would like to go beyond high school but will need to work," obtaining 253 responses or 21%;

"After high school, I plan to attend this institution," obtaining 200 responses or 16%; and

"I don't know much about what courses and programs are offered at this institution," obtaining 152 responses or 12%.

Conclusion: A conclusion to this kind of check-all-items question must remain tentative; however, it would appear that (1) a proportion [33%] of the population do not plan to attend this two-year institution, (2) a proportion [22%] of the population was composed of students who had received parental encouragement in regard to attending the institution, and (3) a proportion [21%] of the population would need employment or financial aid if plans to attend the institution materialized.

Question 5: "Is this institution more or less expensive to attend than the four-year colleges?"

Finding: Two response items received the largest number of student responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

less expensive, obtaining 775 responses or 63% and don't know, obtaining 445 responses or 36%.

The total number of responses to the question was 1230.

Conclusion: A majority (63%) of the students knows that attending the two-year institution is less expensive than a four-year institution; howe 'r, a proportion (36%) of students indicated that they did not know the difference in the costs for attending two-year and four-year institutions.

<u>Cuestion 6: 'What was your major course emphasis in high school?"</u>

Finding: Each of the course emphasis items received a proportion of the student responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

college preparatory, obtaining 498 responses or 40%; general education, obtaining 342 responses or 28%; business vocational, obtaining 238 responses or 19%; and technical vocational, obtaining 152 responses or 12%.

The total number of responses to this question was 1230.

Conclusion: The separation of students into four course/program areas has been quantified.

Question 7a: "Your grades in high school have been close to --"

Finding: Three grade evaluation items received the largest number of student responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

grade C, obtaining 540 responses or 44%; grade B, obtaining 462 responses or 38%; and grade A, obtaining 135 responses or 11%.

The total number of responses to the question was 1230.

Conclusion: A majority (93%) of the students received average or better grades.

Question 7b: "And you would consider your grade average good enough to attend this institution."

Finding: One thousand and thirteen or 82% of the students replied in the affirmative, while 217 students or 18% answered in the negative.

The total number of responses to the question was 1230.

Conclusion: A majority (82%) of the students believed their grade averages were good enough to attend the institution.

Question 8: "Have you been informed by representatives of this institution about programs and offerings?"

Finding: Seven hundred and seventy or 63% of the students replied in the negative, while 460 or 37% of the students answered in the affirmative.

The total number of responses to this question was 1230.

Conclusion: In a majority (63%) of cases, students have not been informed about programs and offerings by representatives of the institution.

Question 9: "Indicate the high school person who has most strongly suggested that you attend this institution."

Finding: Four items received the largest number of responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

no high school person, obtaining 742 responses or 60%; friend, obtaining 237 responses or 19%; counselor, obtaining 160 responses or 13%; and teacher, obtaining 67 responses or 5%.

The total number of responses for this question was 1230.

Conclusion: A majority (60%) of the students have not been influenced by high school persons to attend this institution.

Question 10: "What is your employment situation?"

Finding: The students responded to three items. The frequency and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

not employed, obtaining 757 responses or 62%; employed part-time, obtaining 396 responses or 32%; and employed full-time, obtaining 77 responses or 6%.

The total number of responses for this question was 1230.

Conclusion: A majority (62%) of the students were not employed.



Question 11: "Is there anyone in your family who is attending or who attended this institution?"

Finding: Nine hundred and eighty-five or 80% of the students replied in the negative, while 245 or 20% of the students replied in the affirmative.

The total number of responses to this item was 1230.

Conclusion: The majority (80%) of the students stated that the members of their families had not, in the past or in the present, attended this institution.

Question 12: "From which of the following media sources have you heard about this institution?"

Finding: Remember that all students in the population could respond to each of the six response items so that the possible number of responses to any item would be a percentage of a total of 1230. For a checkall-items type of question, the sum of percentages may equal more than 100%.

Five response items, concerning the effectiveness of media sources, received the largest number of responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

catalog or brochure, obtaining 496 responses or 40%; none, obtaining 381 responses or 31%; newspapers, obtaining 274 responses or 22%; radio, obtaining 253 responses or 21%; and television, obtaining 104 responses or 8%.

Conclusion: A conclusion to this kind of check-all-items question must remain tentative; however, it would appear that (1) proportions of students had received communications through catalog-brochure [40%], newspapers [22%], radio [21%], and television [8%] and (2) a proportion [31%] had not received communication from media sources.

Question 13: "Give the approximate one-way distance from your home to the institution campus."

Finding: Three response items received the largest number of responses.

The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

1-5 miles, obtaining 338 responses or 27%; 6-10 miles, obtaining 305 responses or 25%; and 11-15 miles, obtaining 211 responses or 17%.

The total number of responses for this question was 1183.

Conclusion: A majority [52%] of students live within ten miles of the institution and the mean distance for one-way travel for each student would be approximately 12 miles.

Ouestion 14: "If you attended this institution, would you use a car to drive
to and from the campus?"

Finding: Eleven hundred or 89% of the students answered in the affirmative, while 130 students or 11% answered in the negative.

The total number of responses for this question was 1230.

Conclusion: A substantial majority [89%] of the students would use a car to drive to and from campus.

Question 15: "What is your opinion about this college?"

Finding: The responses were grouped under three items. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

no opinion, obtaining 770 responses or 63%; I like it, obtaining 407 responses or 33%; and I do not like it, obtaining 53 responses or 4%.

The total number of responses for this question was 1230.

Conclusion: A majority [63%] of the students hold no opinion concerning this institution.

Question 16: "Indicate which of the following most closely approximates your family's income per week."

Finding: Four income items received the largest number of student responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

\$100-\$149, obtaining 235 responses or 19%; \$150-\$199, obtaining 208 responses or 17%; \$200-\$249, obtaining 153 responses or 12%; \$50-\$99, obtaining 113 responses or 9%.

The total number of responses for this question was 1078.

Conclusion: None.

Question 17: "If you continue your education beyond high school, who will bear
the expense?"

Finding: Four items received the largest number of responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

student pays part and the parent pays rest, obtaining 391 responses or 32%; parents pay expenses, obtaining 373 responses or 30%; student will pay the expenses, obtaining 264 responses or 21%; and student will need a scholarship, obtaining 146 responses or 12%.

The total number of responses for this question was 1230.

Conclusion: By their responses, students revealed that they would bear the expense of post high school education in the following ways:

(1) sharing the expenses with their parents, (2) having parents pay their expenses, (3) paying the expenses themselves, and (4) requesting scholarship funds.

Question 18: "Assuming that you might attend this institution, note on the separate enclosed sheet the educational programs available and then indicate your program preference."

Finding and
Conclusion: None. The data in regard to this question appear in the List
Tally printout in Appendix C.

Question 19: "Place check mark(s) by the factor(s) that influenced the educational program choice you made in #18.

Finding: Remember that all students in the population could check each of the nine response items so that the possible number of responses to any item would be a percentage of a total of 1230. For a check-all-items type of question, the sum of percentages may equal more than 100%.

Four items received the largest number of responses. The frequency and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

personal interest influenced program choice, obtaining 739 responses or 60%; desire for a good job, obtaining 386 responses or 31%; students at the consortium institution, obtaining 141 responses or 11%; instructor at the high school, obtaining 129 responses or 10%.

Conclusion: A conclusion to this kind of check-all-items question must remain tentative; however, it would appear that students believed their own interests, desire for good jobs, and opinions of consortium institution students were factors which influenced program choice made in Question 18.

Question 20: "Check all the items you think describe the reputation of this institution."

Finding: Remember that all students in the population could check each of the seven response items so that the possible number of responses to any item could be a percentage of a total of 1230. For a check-all-items type of question, the sum of percentages may equal more than 100%.

Four items received the largest number of responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

"People think this institution is a good one," oltaining 804 responses or 65%;

"People think that this institution offers helpful, needed courses," obtaining 699 responses or 57%;

"People think the institution offers an inexpensive education," obtaining 631 responses or 51%; and

"People think instructors at the consortium institution are helpful to students," obtaining 416 responses or 34%.

Conclusion: A conclusion to this kind of check-all-items question must remain tentative; however, it would appear that students found the reputation of the institution to be a good one; the institution to offer helpful, needed courses; the institution to offer an inexpensive education; and the instructors to be helpful to students.

Question 21: "How long a program of training would you be willing to take if you thought that you would get a good job?"

Finding: Each of the "length of program" response items received a proportion of the student responses. The frequencies and percentages of student responses for these items have been rank ordered, from the highest frequency/percentage to the lowest, as follows:

more than two years, obtaining 531 responses or 43%; up to two years, obtaining 409 responses or 33%; up to twelve months, obtaining 202 responses or 16%; and less than six months, obtaining 88 responses or 7%.

The total number of responses for this question was 1230.

Conclusion: The majority [76%] of the students would be willing to take programs up to and exceeding two years in length.

#### CRITICISM OF THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE STUDY

When the research coordinators were asked to criticize the study in terms of strengths and weaknesses, they commented upon the design of the study, the administration of the study, and the exclusion or midification of questions in the survey instrument.

#### Design of the Study

Concerning the design of the study, the research coordinators made the following remarks.

#### General criticism. The researchers commented as follows:

- --At this point or until some expert tells us that our survey has problems, I feel that it has been a good "first effort."
- --Before this work is considered final, we need to structure a procedure for the future studies we hope the institutes will conduct. If the institutes are unable to hire a person or release a person part-time to conduct research activities, these activities should be handled through student services. Before conclusion of our work, hopefully we will outline quite specifically who will handle future studies, the best time to conduct studies, and how these studies will be conducted. We need to give them in some tight outline every "how-to-step" along the way.
- -- The study helped to build contacts with the high schools.
- -- This study should be a continuing study conducted annually.
- -- Presented in a confusing format.

#### Line of questioning. The researchers commented as follows:

- -- First page provided valuable information for recruiting.
- -- Need to revise categories on occupations.
- -- Grade completed by both parents is unclear.
- -- Too many questions.
- --Eliminate any questions that allow respondent to check more than one reply.



- --Key educational background of parents/guardians upon graduation dates and degrees, i.e., high school, junior college or technical institute, senior college, master's degrees, and others.
- --Ask for a response to out-of-school activities. In other words, how can we get to them in other places with information concerning community colleges and technical institutes.

#### Administration of the Study

Concerning the administration of the study, the research coordinators made the following remarks.

- -- The study questionnaires were administered in person, so there was almost a 100% return.
- --A great deal of time was spent explaining at least one-half of the questions to the students.
- --Administration to large groups was difficult in terms of obtaining good responses.

#### Exclusion or Modification of Questions in the Survey Instrument

Concerning specific questions in the instrument, the research coordinators made the following remarks.

#### Question 1. The researcher commented as follows:

--The question is too complicated and of questionable value for a survey of this type. A great deal of explanation was required and consumed a considerable amount of the allocated administration time. Even with good directions being given, many students asked for resolution of problems as to exactly what code to be recorded when the specific occupation could not be found. Since this was the first question, it may have set a poor atmosphere for the remainder of the questionnaire. Recommend elimination of this question.

#### Questic is 6 & 7. The researcher commented as follows:

--To eliminate questions 6 and 7. Although I encouraged their inclusion, they are not giving us pertinent information.

#### Question 16. The researcher commented as follows:

- --While the family income information may be interesting and while it might even be essential for some purposes, it is doubtful that the reliability of the responses is very high. Recommend elimination.
- -- Item on income was incomplete or incorrect in many cases.

- Question 17. The researcher commented as follows:
  - --Item on finances needs revision.
- question 18. The researcher commented as follows:
  - -- Item did not allow for enough possible choices.
- Question 20. The researcher commented as follows:
  - --There are seven responses to indicate reputation of the institution. Five of them are favorable and only two are unfavorable. There should be an equal number of each category. This would permit a better statistical probability of discovering the level of acceptance of the institution as either "good" or "bad." Recommend revision of question.

#### SUMMARY

The consortium members have pledged to implement the results of the

Report on the Survey of High School Students' Educational Plans and Opinions

into their plans to meet the education/training needs of Appalachian communities
in North Carolina.

To implement the results of this study, community college and technical institute personnel have engaged in the following activities.

- 1. Met with public school officials and counselors to discuss the implications of the study and to explore the avenues whereby education/training programs and recruitment efforts might be altered to improve the opportunities for post high school experiences of students.
- 2. Held meetings attended by administrators, faculty, students, and community representatives. The purposes of these meetings were (1) to seek ways to improve the images, as reported in this study, that community colleges and technical institutes have among high school students and (2) to evaluate student aspirations and make plans for modifying the two-year institutions! education/training programs.

- 3. Held research coordinators meetings. The purpose of these meetings was to develop from the high school students' educational plans and opinions, data elements that would, through comparisons with the results of other studies, have implications for immediate and long-range planning.
- 4. Held in Morganton, North Carolina, during August 3 and 4, 1972, a consortium conference attended by preside..ts, administrative staff, and faculty members of the consortium institutions and attended by junior college consultants, representatives of the American Association of Junior Colleges, and personnel from the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges and other governmental agencies. At this meeting consortium members joined with outside consultants and governmental officials to review the accomplishments of the high school image study and other consortium projects and to formulate, together, plans for consortium developments during the 1972-73 and 1973-74 years.

Consortium personnel hope that the Report on the Survey of High

School Students Educational Plans and Opinions has been meaningful to all

persons in higher education and to administrators and counselors in public high schools.

The presidents of the consortium institutions and the public school officials, mentioned in the Acknowledgment section of the report, would appreciate receiving the readers comments and suggestions regarding the high school image study.

Appendix A

Table 1

Student Career Choices in Relation to an Array of Occupational Items: Totals and Percentages\*

"Note the occupational items and then, using codes (AG, etc.), indicate career choices." \* of respondents: 1230 Highest possible no. Question 1:

Occupational Items				Consortium	Consortium Institutions <sup>a</sup>	æ		
	(1) TOT %	(2) TOT %	(3) TOT %	(4) TOT %	(5) TOT %	(6) TOT 72	(7)	CONSORTIUM
Agriculture Forestry Professions Engineering Advertising Business SecComm. Data Processing Hotal-Motel Rest. Services CosmotBarb. Health Serv. & Social Work BldgConst. Truckdrivers Auto Mechanics	25 11 2 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 2 1 3 6 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	40344000444419				10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1

Table 1 (continued)

Student Career Choices in Relation to an Array of Occupational Items: Totals and Percentages

Occupational Items					Consortium I	Consortium Institutions <sup>a</sup>			
	(1) TOT %	(2) TOT	%	(3) TOT %	% LOI (7)	(5) TOT %	(9) TOT %	(7) TOT	CONSORTIUM
Manufacturing Newspaper-Printing Communications Government Agencies Entertainment Leisure-Time Housewife Unemployed	10   10   10   10   10   10   10   10	1 4 4 0 0 4 1	2 2 5 7 7 7 1 3 3 3 7 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1	3 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1	1	2 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5	3	26 4 4 19 39 36 11 14
TOTAL	388(443)	116(136)	36)	86(104)	125(152)	86(104)	111(126)	136(165)	1048

institution in Appendix A. The tallies for father's or guardian's as well as mother's occupational choices may also be The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 1 may be found recorded for each consortium found, recorded for each institution, in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

Numbers in parentheses, beside institutional totals, represent the highest possible number of respondents for each consortium institution. Note:

The consortium institutions are as follows: a Note:

- Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute
- (2) Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute(3) Haywood Technical Institute(4) Isothermal Community College

- (5) Southwestern Technical Institute
- (6) Western Piedmont Community College
  - (7) Wilkes Community College

# Student Educational Plans: Totals and Percentages\*

"Which of these items best describes your educational plans?" Question 2:

1230 of respondents: Highest possible no.

Consortium Institutions			Stuc	Student Education	Educational Plans <sup>a</sup>			
	(1) TOT %	(2) TOT %	(3) TOT %	% LOL	(5) TOT %	(9) TOT	(7) TOT %	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe TI Caldwell CC & TI Haywood Technical Institute Isothermal Community College Southwestern TI Western Fiedmont CC Willes Community College	0 0 0 0	70     16       27     20       24     23       40     26       24     23       36     29       49     3C	33 7 14 10 8 8 16 11 6 6 11 0	133 30 46 34 26 25 41 27 33 32 27 21 42 26	155 35 35 26 36 35 43 28 44 28 44 27	23 5 7 7 5 7 7 5 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	28 6 2 2 2 2 3 2 5 9 6 9 6 9 5	443 (442) 136 (136) 104 (104) 152 (152) 104 (104) 126 (126) 165 (165)
CONS PTIUM TOTAL	4 3	270 22	104 8	349 28	390 32	50 4	5 59	1230.

The callies for maie/female, junior/senior responses to justion 2 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A.

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

Numbers in parentheses, beside institutional totals, represent the highest possible number of respondents for each consortium institution, Note:

Response categories for Question 2 are as follows: a Note:

- (1) Dropout before completing high school
- (2) Graduate from high school only(3) Graduate from a two-year junior college(4) Graduate from a community college or technical institute

- (5) Graduate from a 4-year college or university
  - (6) Go into military service and learn a trade(7) Other

Table 3

Student Optnions on Institution's Reputation: Totals and Percentages\*

> Highest possible no. Question 3:

"I have heard my friend, "ny that the institution is --"

1230 of respondents:

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Consortium Institutions		Reputal	Reputational Ratings of Consortium Institution	Consortium In	Stitution	
	Excellent	Pood	,   ,			
	% TOT	TOT %	Poor TOT %	Don't Know TOT %	Never Heard of Inst.	
					Í	TOTAL
Asneville-Buncombe TI	97 22	246 56	,			
Caldwell CC & TI	30 22			57	25 6	443 (443)
Haywood Technical Institute			3 2	14 10	4 3	136 (136)
Isothermal Community College	15 17	63	3	16 15	2 2	104 (104)
Southern and a second s		101	ار ا	24 16		152 (152)
Sournwestern TI	9	74 71			-	(701) 300
Western Piedmont CC			•		<b>4</b>	104 (104)
Wilkes Community College			기 :	·	6 5	126 (126)
			7 77	13	16 10	165 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	205 17	755 61	36 3	170 14	2 79	0601
					7	17.10

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 3 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

Numbers in parentheses, beside institutional totals, represent the highest possible number of respondents for each Note:

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Table 4

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Student's Feelings Regarding Attendance at the Consortium Institution: Totals and Percentages\*

Highest possible no. Question 4:

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of respondents:

"Check the itsms which best describe your feelings about going to this institution when you finish

TOTAL 243(1 203(1 143(1 148(10 13 165(1 TOT % Possible Student Feelings About Attending Consortíum Institution<sup>a</sup>  $\widehat{\Xi}$ TOT (h) ToT (8) % TÖŢ TOT % (E) % **e** TOT 9 % ਉ Tot 46 % 18 <u>်</u> TOT % 24 TOT % 20 (a) TOT 31 의 σ 17 Isothermal Community College Consortium Institutions Haywood Technical Institute Wilkes Community College Asheville-Buncombe TI Western Piedmont CC Caldwell CC & TI Southwestern TI

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 4 may be found recorded for each consortium \*Note:

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\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

Numbers in parentheses, beside institutional totals, represent the highest possible number of respondents for each Note:

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# Table 4 (continued)

# Student's Feelings Regarding Attendance at the Consortium Institution: Totals and Percentages

a Note: Response categories for Question 4 are as follows:

- (a) I don't feel prepared to go beyond high school(b) I would like to go beyond high school but will need to work
- (c) My parents are encouraging me to get educational training beyond high school
- (d) Af ir high school, I plan to attend this institution
  - (e) I plan to continue my educational training beyond high school but not at this institution
- (f) I am uncertain of career plans but will select this institution until I decide otherwise
- (g) My family thinks this institution is a good school to attend
- (h) I think I will need educational training beyond high school, but not two years
- (i) My parents think going to this institution would be a waste of time
- (j) I don't know much about what courses and programs are offered at this institution

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Table 5

Student Estimate of Expneses for Attending 2-Year and 4-Year Institutions: Totals and Percentages\*

"Is this institution more or less expensive to attend than the four-year colleges?" Question 5:

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of respondents:

Highest possible no.

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Consortium Institutions		Kesponse	Response Categories	
	More TOT %	Less TOT %	Don't Know TOT %	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe TI	3			
Caldwell CC & TI	0			443 (443)
Haywood Technical Institute	0 0			136 (136)
Isothermal Community College	3 2			104 (104)
Southwestern TI	2 2			152 (152)
Western Piedmont CC	•			104 (104)
Wilkes Community College	٠.	104 63	61 37	126 (126)
		- 1	- 1	(601) 601
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	10	775 63	445 36	1230
				0.51

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 5 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

Table 6

Courses/Programs Selected by High School Students: Totals and Percentages\*

"What was your major course emphasis in high school?" Question 6:

of respondents: fighest possible no.

1230

	TOTAL	443(443) 136(136) 104(104) 152(152) 104(104) 126(165)	1230
	General Education TOT %		342 28
Major Course Emphasis	Technical Vocational TOT %	52 12 19 14 22 21 11 7 10 8 27 16	152 12
Major	Business Vocational TOT %	83 19 25 18 18 17 33 23 13 13 31 25 35 21	238 19
	College Preparatory TOT %	192 43 46 34 47 45 61 40 50 40 61 37	768 40
Consortium Institutions		Asheville-Buncombe TI Saldwell CC & TI laywood Technical Institute Isothermal Community College Southwestern TI Vestern Piedmont CC Vilkes Community College	CONSORTIUM TOTAL

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 6 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. Note:

\*\*Note: The population represents וו ניזכא of the students וו ניזכא of the two-year institution's service area.

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Table 7

High School Grades -- Averages and Student Appraisal of Grades in Terms of Matriculation: Totals and Percentages\*

Question 7: "Your gra	"Your grades in high school have	gh sch	ool ha		n close	been close to"		11 may pa /11	
Highest possible no. of respondents: 1230 **	* *							average good enough to attend this institution."	your grade attend
Consortium Tretitutions				Ave	Averages			Response Categories	0,0
	A	%	B TOT	T %	C TOT %	Below C TOT %	TOTAL	Yes No TOT % TOT %	, AVECE
Asheville-Buncombe TI	42	0	173 3		1	1			1018
Caldwell CC & TI	12	0	•		G 73	Ċ	•		443(443)
Haywood Technical Institute	12	7.7				:		•	136(136)
Isothermal Community College	=		•		80 53	12 41	152(164)	87 14	104(104)
Southwestern TI		[ ]			1 5	9 9		86 21	152(152)
Western Piedmont CC			•		53 42			04	104(104)
Wilkes Community College				•			1 !	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	126(126)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	135 11	1	462 38		777 075	93 8	1230	82 217	1230
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\*Note: The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 7 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A.

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

! Note: Numbers in parentheses, beside institutional totals, represent the highest possible number of respondents for each

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Table 8

High School Students' Knowledge of Institutional Programs: Totals and Percentages\*

Quescion 8:

"Have you been informed by representatives of this institution about programs and offerings?"

Highest possible no. of respondents:

of respondents: 1230

136 (136) 104 (104) 443 (443) 104 (104) 152 (152) 126 (126) 165 (165) TOTAL! Response Categories 45 67 69 48 22 % 335 57 15 | 51 2 97 85 28 38 52 % 2 23 84 TOT 57 54 2 29 Isothermal Community College Consortium Institutions Haywood Technical Institute Wilkes Community College Asheville-Buncombe TI Western Piedmont CC Caldwell CC & TI CONSORTIUM TOTAL Southwestern TI

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 8 may be found recorded for each consortium \*Note:

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\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

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Table 9

High School Personnel -- Their Influence on Student Attendance at Two-Year Institutions: Totals and Persentages\* indicate the high school person who has most strongly suggested that you attend this institution." Question 9:

dighest possible no. of respondents: 1230 ...

or respondence.							
			Hig	High School Personnel	nne 1		
Consortium Institutions	Home.Teach. TOT %	Toacher TOT %	Counselor TOT %	Principal TOT %	Friend TOT %	None TOT %	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe TI	4 1	26 6				283 64	443 (443)
Caldwell CC & TI	0	9 7					136 (136)
Haywood Technical Institute	2 2	5 5					104 (104)
Isothermal Community College	3 2	11 7	21 14	2 1	31 20	84 55	152 (152)
Southwestern TI	0	5 5					104 (104)
Western Piedmont CC	2 1.5	1 -7					126 (126)
Wilkes Community College	4 2	10 6			- 1	i	165 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	15 1	67 5	160 13	1 6	237 19	742 60	1230

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 9 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in eath of the two-year institution's service area.

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Table 10

High School Students Present Employment Situation: Totals and Percentages\*

"What is your present employment situation?" Question 10:

Highest possible no.

of respondents:

1230 \*\*

Consortium Institutions		Response	Response Categories	
	Full-time TOT %	Part-time TOT %	Not Employed TOT %	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe TI Caldwell CC & TI daywood Technical Institute Isothermal Community College Southwestern TI Vestern Piedmont CC Wilkes Community College	21 5 11 8 4 4 16 10,5 3 3 15 12 7 4	154 35 60 44 27 26 41 27 38 37 30 24 46 28	268 60. 65 48. 73 70. 95 62.5 63 60. 81 64. 112 68	443 (443) 136 (136) 104 (104) 152 (152) 104 (104) 126 (126) 165 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	77 6	396 32	757 62	1230

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 10 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. 'Note:

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Table 11

Attendance of Two-Year Institution by High School Student's Family: Totals and Percentages\*

"Is there anyone in your family who is attending or who attended this college?" Question 11:

1230

of respondents:

Highest possible no.

136 (136) 104 (104) 152 (152) <del>443</del> (443) 126 (126) 104 (104) 165 (165) TOTAL 1230 Response Sategories 69 82 % 2 82 7 8 TOT 76 8 123 85 6 985 18 23 3 % TOT 45 119 67 29 245 Isothermal Community College Consortium Institutions Haywood Technical Institute Wilkes Community College Asheville-Buncombe TI Western Piedmont CC Caldwell CC & T" CONSORTIUM TOTAL Southwestern TI

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question ll may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

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Table 12

The Effectiveness of Media Facilities in Publicizing the Institution: Totals and Percentages\*

"From which of the following have you heard of or about this institution?" Question 12:

1230

dighest possible no. of respondents:

-			Med	Media Facilities			
Consortium Institutions	Catalog/Brochure TOT %	re TV TOT %	Radio TOT %	Newspaper TOT %	Billboards TOT %	None TOT %	TOTAL !
Asheville-Buncombe TI	171 39	81 18					570 (443)
Saldwell CC & TI	77 57	2 1					205 (136)
Haywood Technical Institute	45 43	7 7					130 (104)
Isothermal Community College	•	1 1					171 (152)
Southwestern TI		8	30 29	22 21	5 5	31 30	134 (104
Western Piedmont CC	51 40	2 1:5					152 (126)
Wilkes Community College	64 39	3 2				Ļ	202 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	07 967	104 8	253 21	274 22	56 5	381 31	1564

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 12 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note• The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service .rea.

Table 13

Distance From Student's Home to Two-Year Institution: Totals and Percentages\* "Give the approximate one-way distance from your home to the institution campus." Highest possible no. Question 13:

of respondences: 1230 ×	K K							
Consortium Institutions				Dis	Distances (in miles)	s)		
	1-5 TOT %	-6 TOT	6-10 )T %	11-15 TOT %	16-20 TOT %	21-25 TOT %	26-30 TOT %	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe TI Caldwell CC & TI Haywood Technical Institute Isothermal Community College Southwestern TI Western Piedmont CC	126 28 47 35 39 38 43 28 18 17 36 29 29 18		124 28 45 33 30 20 12 12 45 36 10	79 18 24 18 19 18 30 20 12 12 17 13 30 18	53 12 12 9 16 11 16 11 15 12 12 7	22 5 2 1 2 10 0 0 15 10 30 29 2 2 2 2 7 4	26 6 3 2 4 4 12 8 23 22 57 35	430 (443) 133 (136) 100 (104) 146 (152) 103 (104) 120 (126) 151 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	338 27	305	25	211 17	121 10	78 6	130 11	1183

\*Note: The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 13 may be found recorded for each consortium. institution in Appendix A.

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

! Note: Numbers in parentheses, beside institutional totals, represent the highest possible number of respondents for each

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Student Use of Cars for Transportation To and From Campus: Totals and Percentages\* "If you attended this institution, would you use a car to drive to and from the campus?" of respondents: Highest possible no. Question 14:

Consortium Tactifutions		Response Categories	
	Yes TOT %	No TOT %	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe II	392 88	1	V6777 6777
Caldwell CC & TI			
Haywood Technical Institute	96 92		
Isothermal Community College			104 (104)
Southwestern TI		-	132 (152)
Western Piedmont CC		•	104 (104)
Wilkes Community Callege	139 84	26 16	165 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	1	1	
			75.00

\*Note: The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 14 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A.

. \*\*Note:The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

ין Note: Numbers in parentheses, beside institutional totals, represent the highest possible number of respondents for each

Table 15

Student Opinion About the Two-Year Institution: Totals and Percentages\*

Question 15: "What is your opinion about this college?"

Highest possible no. of respondents: 1230 **			•	
Consortium Institutions		Response (	Response Categories	
	I like it TOT %	I do not like it TOT %	No opinion TOT %	TOTAL!
Asheville-Buncombe TI	149 34		!	(877) 877
Caldwell CC & TI	57 42		75 55	136 (136)
Haywood Technical Institute	·			104 (104)
Isothermal Community College	·			152 (152)
Southwestern TI	27 26			104 (104)
Western Piedmont CC				126 (126)
Wilkes Community College		5	86   58   58	165 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	707	53 4	770 63	1230

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 15 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

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Table 16

Approximate Weekly Income for High School Student's Family: Totals and Percentages\* "Indicate which of the following most closely approximates your family's income per week." Highest possible no. Question 16:

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78 (104) 443 (443) 125 (136) 81 (104) 120 (152) 99 (126) 132 (165) TOTAL! 1078 ۵ % **400**-TOT 69 350-399 7 % TOT 25 300-349 4 % Weekly Incomes (in dollars) TOT 77 250-299 110 9 % TOT 200-249 153 12 % TOT 150-199 17 % 18 17 TOT 208 100-149 235 19 18 \* 22 8 20 19 20 22 TOT 0 % 50-99 TOT 10 113 % 113 121 TOT Isothermal Community College 1230 Consortium Institutions Haywood Technical Institute Wilkes Community College Asheville-Buncombe TI of respondents: Western Piedmont CC Caldwell CC & TI CONSORTIUM TOTAL Southwestern TI

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 16 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A.

. \*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in cach of the two-year institution's service area.

Table 17

Persons Who Will Bear Expense for High School Student's Continued Education:

"If you continue your education beyond high school, who will bear the expense?" Totals and Percentages\* Question 17:

of respondents:

Highest possible no.

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4 4						Resp	Response Cat	Categories	ชู		1
	(1) TOT	%	(2) TOT	%	(3) TOT	%	(4) TOT	%	(5) TOT %	(6) TOT	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe TI	93	21	129	29	-	1.5			ļ	İ.	443 (443)
Caldwell CC & TI	27	20	38	28	-	<u>`` </u>		ا۔			136 (136)
Haywood Technical Institute	9	15	45	9	0	이		اے			104 (104)
Isothermal Community College	31	20	47	31	m	7	6	2	49 32	19 13	152 (152)
Southwestern TI	31	8	31		-	-		ı	-		104 (104)
Western Piedmont CC	29	23	35		۳	1:5			•		126 (126)
Wilkes Community College	37	22	51	131	-	-		1	•		165 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	264	21	373	ρ <u>ς</u>	16		40 3	3	391 32	146 12	1230

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 17 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

Numbers in parentheses, beside institutional totale, represent the highest possible number of respondents for each consortium institution. Note:

aNote: Response categories for Question 17 are as follow.:

- (1) You will
- (2) Your parents
- (3) You expect to receive an athletic scholarship
- (4) You expect to receive an academic scholarship
- (5) You will pay part and your parents will pay the rest

(6) You will need a scholarship

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Table 19

Factor(s) Influencing Student's College Educational Program Choice: Totals and Percentages\* "Place check mark(s) by the factor(s) that influenced the educational program choice you made in #18." Question 19:

Highest possible no. of respondents: 1230

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	(a) TOT %	(b) TOT %	(c) TOT %	% IOI (P)	(e) TOT %	(f) TOT %	(g) TOT %	(h) TOT %	(i) TOT %	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe TI	14 3	11 2		1	1	`		152 34	23 5	625 (443)
Caldwell CC & TI	2 1	4 3						34 25		206 (136)
Haywood Technical Institute	9 9	7 7		-				27 26	-	132 (104)
Isothermal Community College	7 9	1 1	19 13	12 8	14 9			54 36	•	215 (152)
Southwestern TI	1 1	•				•		25 24	•	128 (104)
Western Piedmont CC	2 2	1 1				•		36 29	•	173 (126)
Wilkes Community College	16 10	11 7	28 17	32 19	33 20	23 14	108 65	58 35	14 8	323 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	47 4	47 4 35 3 141	141 11	129 10	124 10	122 10	739 60	386 31	9 62	1802

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 19 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

## Table 19 (continued)

## Factor(s) Influencing Student's College Educational Program Choice: Totals and Percentages

Response categories for Question 19 are as follows: a Note:

Persons at this institution --

(a) Instructor

(b) Counselor

(c) Student

Persons at your high school --

(d) Instructor

(e) Counselor

(f) Student

(g) Your personal interests influenced your program choice (h) Opportunity to take an educational program that may lead to a good job (i) Other

Table 20

Student Opinion of Institution's Reputation: Totals and Percentages\* "Check all the items you think describe the reputation of this institution." Question 20:

Highest possible no.

of respondents:

Consortium Institutions							Res	Response	Categ	Categories <sup>a</sup>	æ				
	(a) TOT	<b>,</b>	(b) TOT	2	(c) TOT	2	(d) TOT	%	(e) TOT	%	(f) TOT	*	(g) TOT	*	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe TI	304	69	204	97	148	33	11	2	1	58		2	62	14	992 (443)
Caldwell CC & TI	[6]	67	82	9	54	9		-		2		3		18	353 (136)
Haywood Technical Institute	8	19	51	67	35	34		0	51	67	•	4		13	217 (104)
Isothermal Community College	102	<del>67</del>	87	57	54	36		က		59		က		6	355 (152)
Southwestern TI	67	79	12	67		25		۳		<b>26</b>		_		6	215 (104)
Western Piedmont CC	72	59	89	24		30		1.5		84		2		14	264 (126)
Wilkes Community College	103	62	88	23	•	40	21	13		53	<del>[1</del> ]	6	8	12	396 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	804	65	804 65 631 51	51	416	34	777	4	669	57	9	3 1	160	13	2794

\*Note: The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 20 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A.

\*\*Note: The population represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

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Table 20 (continued)

Student Opinion of Institution's Reputation: Totals and Percentages

anote: Response categories for Question 20 are as follows:

- (a) People think this institution is a good one.
- (b) People think this institution is a place to get an inexpensive education.
- (c) People think the instructors at this institution want to help the students.
- (d) People do not like what they have heard about the instructors at this institution.
- (e) People think that this institution offers courses that are needed and are helpful to the student.
- (f) People think this institution offers courses which are neither needed by nor helpful to the students.
- (g) People generally think of the instructors at this institution as being more capable

Table 21

Time Length of Programs Contemplated by High School Students: Totals and Percentages\* "How long a program of training would you be willing to take if you thought you would get a good job?" of respondents: Highest possible no. Question 21:

		R	Response Categories	ro	
COUSOFLIGH INSCILLACIONS	Less than 6 mo. TOT %	Up to 12 mo. TOT %	Up to 2 yrs. TOT %	More than 2 yrs.	TOTAL
Asheville-Buncombe TI	26 6	i .	ľ	İ	<del>443 (</del> 443)
Caldwell CC & TI	5	·	•		136 (136)
Haywood Technical Institute	8	17 16	38 37	41 39	104 (104)
Isothermal Community College	14 9	•	•		152 (152)
Southwestern TI	7 7	•	•		104 (104)
Western Piedmont CC	6 7	•	•	-	126 (126)
Wilkes Community College	19 11	23 14	•		165 (165)
CONSORTIUM TOTAL	88 7	202 16	<u>EE</u> 607	531 43	1230

The tallies for male/female, junior/senior responses to Question 21 may be found recorded for each consortium institution in Appendix A. \*Note:

\*\*Note: The po, lation represents 10% of the students in each of the two-year institution's service area.

Appendix B

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS'

## EDUCATIONAL PLANS AND OPINIONS

Relating to the Area
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND/OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Dear Student:

is an "open-door" two-year institution serving the educational needs of this area. This questionnaire has two purposes: (1) finding out what kind of image this institution has with high school juniors and seniors and (2) getting information on your background and educational plans. Your cooperation in completing this survey form is appreciated. All responses will be treated confidentially. Thank you. DIRECTIONS 1. In those instances, where the question requests a written statement, please print. 2. Where you are directed to make a check mark, please do so firmly and neatly. 3. Do not fill in sections reserved for codes. PERSONAL INFORMATION Do not write in this column YOUR NAME (last name) (first name) (middle initial) [6] [25] NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL (code) COUNTY [31] Junior \_ [34](36)[37] Senior \_\_\_\_ 12 HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE [39][49] (street address or route & box number) (city) [59][61][66] (state) (zip) (phone) EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION Use the scale listed below and then indicate the highest grade completed by your parents or guardian. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 Father [73] Mother [75] Guardian [77] What do you plan to do immediately after you finish high school? Enter a two-year college or technical Get a job (79)Become a housewife Enter a four-year college or university Undecided Enter military service

Other:

(CONTINUE WITH THE QUESTIONNAIRE)

	of High School:  e: Junior 11 Senior		STIONNAIRE	-E	(code)	Do not write in this space [6]
						נ- י
QUES	TIONS  1. Note the occupational i indicate career choices		listed below, and then, using c the following:	odes (	AG, etc.),	
			Your father's or guardian's	oc cup	ation	[14]
			Your mother's occupation			[16]
			Your career preference			[18]
[AG]	Agriculture Farming Food Processing	[DP]	Data Processing Systems Management (analysis, etc.)	[MM]	Auto Mechani	ics
	Horticulture-Landscaping & Greenhouses Goy't Agencies		Programmer Keypuncher Machine Operator	[SR]	Services Cab Drivers Delivery Ser	rvices
[FR]	Forestry Private Forest Land		Maintenance Other	[MA]	Manufacturi Supervisory	<u>18</u>
	Management Lumbering & Saw Mills Gov't Agencies	[HM]	Hotel-Motel Management Employee		Machine Oper Maintenance Inspectors	rator
[PF]	Professions	[RS]	Restaurant Services		Other	
•	Doctors & Dentists Lawyers Ministers		Management Cook Waiter-Waitress	[NP]	Newspaper-Programmer Management Printer	<del></del>
	Teachers Others	[DS]	Other Services  Domestic Service		Editor-Report Machine Oper Maintenance	
[EG]	Engineering Architect Professional Engineers	. ,	Maid Gardner	[CM]	Other Communication	ons
	Drafting-Blueprinting Other Technologies	[CB]	Cosmotology-Barbering Beautician Barber	•	Radio Television Telephone	
[AD]	Advertising-Commercial Art Advertisement Management & Writing Commercial Art	[нѕ]	Health Services & Social Work Nurse - RN Nurse - LPN	[GA]	•	ncies (not re & forestry)
[BS]	Other Business		Medical & Dental Assistant HS Administrator Other Health Services		Military Service Postal Service Fireman	
	Management-Supervisory Accounting Sales-Distributing Marketing		(e.g., hospital attendant) Social Worker Other			and municipal
<b>.</b> •	Insurance	[BC]	Building-Construction Trades Carpenters	[ET]	Entertainmen (musicians	nt Media s, actors, etc.)
(sc)	Secretary-Commercial Supervisory Bookkeeper Secretary		Painters Plumbers Electricians Roofers	[LT]	Leisure-Time Recreation Recreation	rector
,	Cashier Office Machine Operator (not data processing)		Metal Working Welding Maaonry	[HW]	Housewife	
	Clerical Other	[TR]	Truckdrivers	[UP]	<u>Unemployed</u>	

[TR] Truckdrivers

3. I have heard my friends say that the institution is  Excellent 1  Good 2  Poor 3  Don't kncw 4  Never heard of the 5  institution	Do not write in this column  2. (20) 3. (21)
feelings about going to this institution  f. I am uncertain of careerl plans but will select this institution until I decide otherwise  g. My family thinks this instil tution is a good school to attend  h. I think I will need educal tional training beyond high school, but not two years.  i. My parents think going tol this institution would be a waste of time  j. I don't know much about what l courses and programs are offered at this institution	4. [22]
Collège Preparatory 1 Business Vocational 2 Technical-Vocational 3 General Education 4	5. (32) 6. (33) 7. (34) & (35)
	Excellent



8.	Have you been informed by representatives of this institution about programs and offerings?  fes 1 No 2	9. Indicate the high school person who has most strongly suggested that you attend this institution.  Homeroom teacher 1 Teacher 2 Counselor 3 Principal 4 Friend 5	1 00 (30)
10.	What is your present employment situation?  Employed full-time1	None6  11. Is there anyone in your family who is attending or who attended this college?	10. (38) 11. (39)
	Employed part-time2 Not employed3	Yes 1 No 2	
12.	From which of the following have you heard of or about this institution?  La 'nstitution Catalog or 1 Brochure  b. Television 1 c. Radio 1 d. Newspaper 1 e. Billboards 1 f. None of these 1		12. [40] 13. (46) 14. (47) 15. (48)
16.	Indicate which of the following most closper week?	sely approximates your family's 'ncome	16. (49)
	(1) - \$49 (4) \$150 - \$199 (7) (2) \$50 - \$99 (5) \$200 - \$249 (8) (3) \$100 - \$149 (6) \$250 - \$299 (9)	\$300 - \$349 Family Income \$350 - \$399 per week \$400 -	
17.	If you continue your education beyond his You will 1 Your parents 2 You expect to receive an ath 3 letic scholarship	You expect to receive an aca- demic scholarship You will pay part and your parents will pay the rest You will need a scholarship 6	17. (50)

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18.	Assuming that you might attend this institution, note on the separate, enclose sheet the educational programs available and then indicate your program preference with the appropriate code:  First Program Choice Second Program Choice My Choice Not Listed:	column 18. [51] [55]
19.	Place check mark(s) by the factor (s) that influenced the educational program choice you made in #18 above.  Persons at this institution a. Instructor b. Counselor c. Student  Persons at your high school d. Instructor e. Counselor 1 f. Student  1 f. Student  1 tonal program that may lead to a good job 1 tother:	L
20.	•	
21.	How long a program of training would you be willing to take if you thought you would then get a good job?  Less than 6 months 1 Up to 12 months 2 Up to 2 years 3 More than 2 years 4	22. (77)

NOW THAT YOU HAVE FINISHED, GIVE THIS FORM TO THE PERSON ADMINISTERING THE SURVEY.